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1. Apparatus for indicating the temperature of a hoof, comprising:
a temperature sensitive module capable of providing a visual indication of the temperature of a hoof to which said module is affixed.
2. The apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said visual indication of hoof temperature is indicated by a color.
3. The apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said visual indication of hoof temperature correlates to a numeric value.
4. The apparatus according to claim 3 wherein said numeric value is correlated to a color.
5. The apparatus according to claim 1 further comprising plural individual temperature sensing modules, each of said modules capable of providing a visual indication of the temperature of a hoof.
6. The apparatus according to claim 5 including at least 3 individual temperature sensing modules.

7. The apparatus according to claim 2 wherein said module is configured for changing color when a predetermined temperature value has been exceeded.
8. The apparatus according to claim 7 wherein said color change is reversible.
9. The apparatus according to claim 7 wherein said color change is irreversible.
10. The apparatus according to claim 1 including means for adhering said module to a hoof.
11. Apparatus for indicating the temperature of a hoof, comprising:
temperature sensitive module means for providing a visual indication of the temperature of a hoof to which said temperature sensitive module means is affixed.
12. The apparatus according to claim 11 wherein said temperature sensitive module means further comprises a temperature sensitive strip configured for changing color in response to a change in temperature in said hoof.

13. The apparatus according to claim 12 wherein said temperature sensitive module means further comprises means for determining a numeric value for the temperature of said hoof.

14. The apparatus according to claim 11 including plural temperature sensitive module means, each for providing a visual indication of the temperature of a hoof to which said temperature sensitive module means is affixed.

15. The apparatus according to claim 11 wherein said temperature sensitive module means is configured for changing color when a predetermined temperature value has been exceeded.

16. A method for monitoring the temperature of an animal's hoof, comprising the steps of adhering a temperature sensitive module to a hoof, wherein said module is configured for providing a visual indication of the temperature of said hoof.

17. The method according to claim 16 including the steps of abrading the surface of said hoof, cleaning said abraded hoof, allowing said cleaned hoof to dry, and adhering said module to said hoof.

18. The method according to claim 17 wherein said adhering step includes the step of exposing an adhesive backing on said module and applying said module to said hoof.

19. The method according to claim 18 including applying a glue to said module.

20. The method according to claim 16 wherein said animal is a horse and said module is applied to the coronet band.